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REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending following entry of this Response to Election/Restriction

Requirement and Preliminary Amendment. Claims 1-23 have been canceled without prejudice. New claims 24-32 have been added. Claim 24 is the only independent claim and is a generic claim. New claims 24-32 correspond to originally filed claims 1 and 10-16. The new claims do not include new matter for that reason.

Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO/SB/08A and the cited reference are enclosed. The Examiner is requested to consider the reference cited therein and to return an initialed copy of the Form PTO/SB/08A with the next Office Action on the merits.

The Applicants believe that each of claims 24-32 is in condition for allowance. Issuance of an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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